DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: No hearing was scheduled by the Department of Food and

Agriculture and no hearing was requested by the public regarding

this proposal.

Subject matter of Proposed Regulations: Ovine Brucellosis

Sections Affected: Amend section 760.4, amend the heading of Article 3.5, and adopt

section 765.

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in this file and accurately reflects the final regulatory action taken by the Department of Food and Agriculture (Department).

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Business Impact

The Department has determined that this regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action described in this filing.

<u>Summary of Objections/Recommendations/Responses</u>

 Letter from the California Wool Growers Association, dated August 1, 2006, in support of the Department establishing a voluntary certification process.

The Department accepts this letter of support.

No further comments were received regarding this proposal.